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  - d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e. [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:  
U.S. 6,429,837 corresponds to JP 11-305727  
U.S. 2002/0050962 corresponds to JP 2002-189448  
U.S. 2005/0041002 corresponds to WO 03/023750  
U.S. 5,714,968; U.S. 5,940,053; & U.S. 6,011,529 correspond to JP 8-54835
5. [X] A foreign patent office search report and an International Preliminary Examination Report citing one or more of the references are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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